

MORE TROUBLE OVER GREATER NEW YORK.

A Serious Split in the Delegation from This City Threatened.

Grady and Ahearn Surprise Democrats by Signing Lexow's Report.

IS IT A PLATT-TAMMANY DEAL?

Senator Cantor Says That the Lexow Programme Would Give Republicans Control of Vast Territory for Years to Come.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 25.—The prediction made when the Greater New York Committee reported, recently, in favor of excluding Flushing, Jamaica and Hempstead from the proposed consolidation, was realized to-day, and these towns will be included.

The Joint Committee on Cities met this morning and approved the Lexow report of 15,000 words and the bill decreeing consolidation in 1898 of New York, Brooklyn, Staten Island, Long Island City, Newburgh, Flushing, Jamaica, and a part of Hempstead, and providing for the appointment of a commission of fifteen to prepare bills embodying the legislation under which it is proposed to govern the consolidated territory.

GRADY AND AHEARN SIGN IT. To the surprise of almost everybody, Senators Grady and Ahearn signed the Lexow report. Nothing more likely to arouse talk of a Platt-Tammamy deal could have occurred.

The air is full of it to-night. It would seem as if there was a serious split in the legislative delegation from New York City, Senator Grady apparently leading those who favor the Platt programme of consolidation, and Senator Cantor taking the other side. By some of Senator Grady's friends, it is explained, he signed the Lexow report because he wished to be consistent.

They recall the fact that Senator Grady has always expressed himself in favor of consolidation, on the ground that the will of the people declared at the polls that such should be executed.

The attitude of Senators Grady and Ahearn, however, is not in favor of the general scheme of consolidation, but also in favor of the political commission of fifteen, which is the only part of the Lexow bill, would have a right to appoint.

AHEARN EXPLAINS. Senator Ahearn, in explaining his vote in committee, said to-day:

"Why, you might as well talk of again submitting my election to the people. The people have voted on this question once and decided that there should be consolidation. I believe in carrying out the people's wishes."

"What you stand by Senator Cantor, the leader?" was asked. "I stand by the substitute which he will offer to the Lexow bill, and when that is defeated I shall vote for the Lexow bill. I think that's only right. The Governor in his appointment of a commission would not take any unfair advantage."

Mr. Ahearn is presumably echoing Senator Grady in these sentiments. Senator Cantor adheres to his original position that the Lexow programme involves the government of the consolidation territory by State commissions, which would give the Republicans the control of the territory for some years to come and incidentally violate the principle of home rule.

The Senator to-day deprecated any talk of a Platt-Tammamy deal, declaring that no such thing had been decided upon, was pending, or even contemplated, as far as he knew.

WON'T SUPPORT LEXOW.

"I am free to say," said Senator Cantor, "that I shall not support the Lexow bill, as it has been reported, and I do not believe that any other Democratic Senator will. This commission is the only part of the bill that I think is worth anything. It consists of the Mayors of New York, Brooklyn and Long Island City, the Attorney-General, the State Engineer and Surveyor, the President of the Greater New York Commission, as it is now constituted, and nine others, is a political commission, pure and simple. The simple-minded would, of course, be in the majority. However much I may admire Governor Morgan personally, I do not believe in putting into his hands at this time such power as this bill provides for."

"I am not a consolidation man, I want to know where we stand. Why not continue the present Commission? Why not name the Commissioners in the bill? I want to take a leap in the dark such as this would be, I stand on that declaration."

"However," continued Mr. Cantor, "in my judgment the Greater New York bill will not become a law this session. Assuming that it is passed by both branches of the Legislature, it will then have to go to the Mayors of the three cities for approval."

CANTOR HAS SMALL HOPES. "The bill is almost certain to be disapproved by Mayor Strong, Mayor Wurster and Mayor Gleason. It will then come back to the Legislature, and in my opinion, the Legislature will not pass it over the disapproval of the three Mayors."

"The people of New York City should understand just what is at stake. It is a Republican programme. The intention is first to have a political commission, with a Republican majority, to prepare legislation for the government of the consolidated territory. This government would be by State commissions, appointed by the Governor. These commissions are to administer the various municipal departments in the consolidated territory until consolidation is effected."

"In the mean time this Lexow Sub-Committee continues its existence. Remember that to-day's action is only a preliminary one. Under the resolution adopted at the beginning of the session the joint committee and the sub-committee of the joint committee, of which sub-committee Senator Lexow is chairman, are to continue in existence until the consolidation is made. It is impossible to tell what will be. The sub-committee is evidently maintained for the purpose of acting as a sort of advisory body in conjunction with the committee of fifteen it is proposed to appoint."

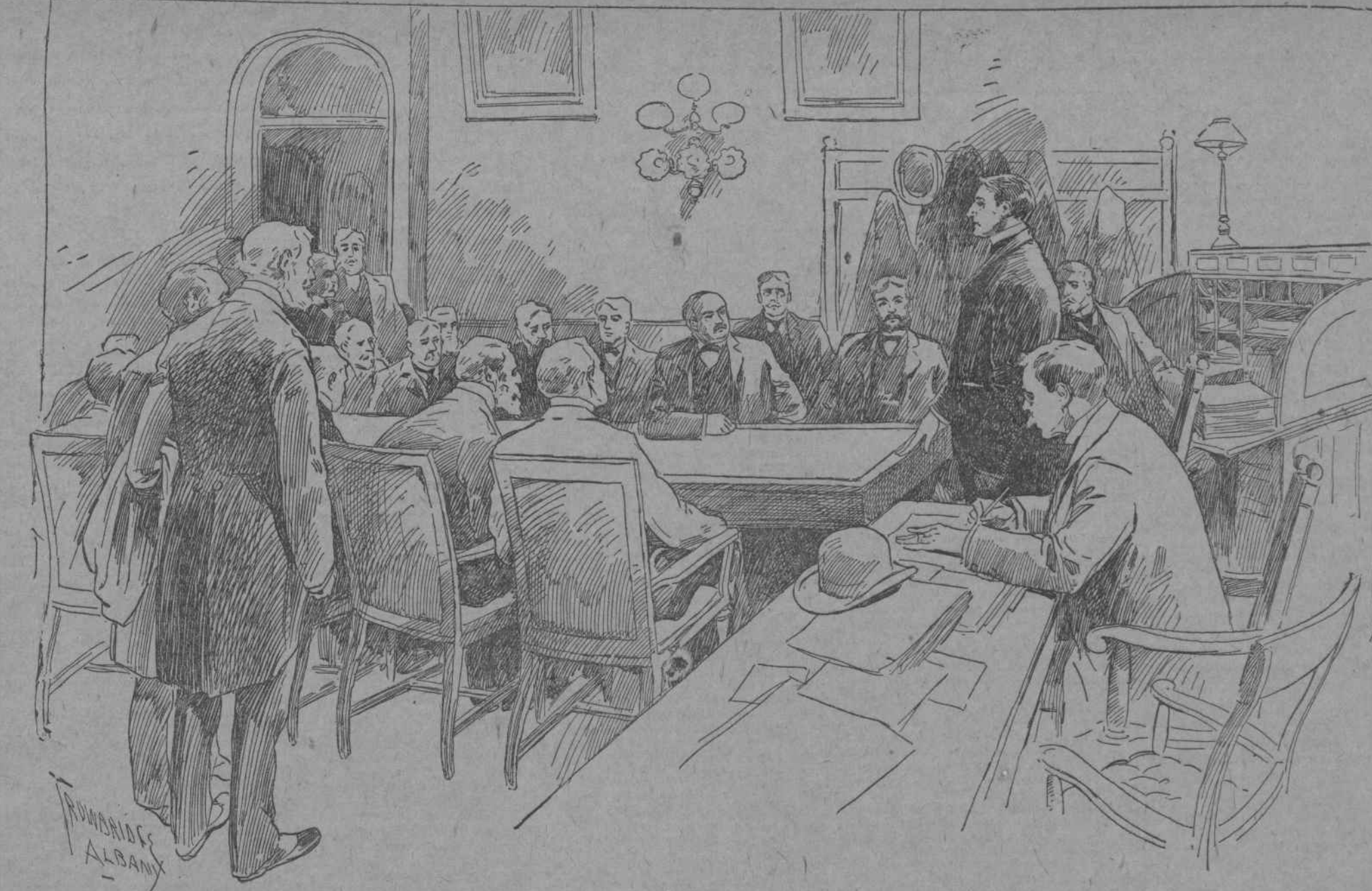
"THEY'D DOSS THE JOB."

The Sub-Committee would prepare the legislation in all probability for this Commission—"Boss" Tweed and other words. They might as well put the entire task of framing legislation for the Greater New York into the hands of the Cities Committee, for that is practically what this programme contemplates. This intention is to strip New York City and Brooklyn and the other places involved of their local government for an indefinite period. I do not believe that such a scheme can be carried out."

"However anxious Mr. Platt may be to procure the political advantage that a Government of the consolidated territory by State commissions might give him, there are other considerations, and Mr. Platt will not, in my opinion, stand in the way of an avowed public sentiment such as this programme is bound to create."

Senator Brush, the Brooklyn anti-consolidationist, is also keenly alive to the dangers in the present situation. He wired to Mayor Wurster to-night, telling that official that everything depended upon him, and suggesting a line of campaign. The anti-consolidationists propose that Mayor Wurster make a tour of the large cities of the State, making speeches in Utica, Troy, Albany, Syracuse, Rochester and a night in Buffalo, protesting that the proposed consolidation would strip the cities of their local government at the next election.

Some such effort, the anti-consolidationists find, will be necessary to impress the voters of the State, and through the votes



Gen. Stranahan Calling the Joint Cities Committee to Order for the Hearing on Greater New York. (Sketched from life by a Journal staff artist.)

the legislators at Albany with the fact that consolidation is not desired by Brooklyn.

BRUSH WANTS ANOTHER VOTE.

He contends that the vote of 1894 on consolidation was intended merely for the guidance of the Legislature of 1895, and that as that Legislature expired without acting on the question that another vote should be taken.

He further insists that the proposition to exclude Jamaica, Flushing and Hempstead, which has been withdrawn, clearly proves that the committee does not believe the vote on consolidation is final.

He calls attention to the fact that Brooklyn as her territory was when the vote was authorized, gave 1,000 majority against consolidation. He quotes the Lexow report when it says that consolidation would defeat consolidation, and that a referendum would have the same effect, and says:

"There is an admission that an other vote would defeat consolidation, that a majority of Brooklyn voters are being ignored, a fact contradictory of a statement in another part of the report."

"To be plain, in summing up of the majority report, it is acknowledged that any other vote on a fair proposition such as sensible, intelligent people would consider, would result in rejection by the voters of Brooklyn of the question of consolidation. I further claim that many of those who favor consolidation do so with a leaning in favor of consolidation, but they are fair-minded men and have a feeling that there is a widespread opinion that there has not been fair play and they are willing to take another vote to insure it."

"The whole report is a piece of special pleading for a special purpose, and I claim it is not in any sense a judicial conclusion based upon the evidence presented, apparently as far as any attention to the facts which have been put before us is concerned. The report may as well have been written the day after the sub-committee was appointed and the State saved much valuable time and large expense."

In the Senate to-day the consideration of the bill proposed by Mr. Lexow was made a special order for next Tuesday. In the Assembly the subject was made a special order for Thursday of next week.

PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT.

Crispo Grateful to Cleveland for the Statesmanlike Position He Has Taken Against England in the Venezuela Question.

Caracas, Feb. 25.—President Crespo, in his message to the Venezuelan Congress, said that the government was deeply grateful to Mr. Cleveland for the position he had taken in the boundary dispute.

The President of the United States recognized the justice of the Venezuelan claim, and in a most statesmanlike way tried to settle a difficulty whose effects had for some time past been daily forcing an issue that was a dangerous menace to the integrity of the nations on the American continent.

"Great Britain," said President Crespo, "ought to interpret the action of the United States Government as a friendly policy, aimed solely at putting an end to the long-lasting conflict between Venezuela and England."

"It was not just that Venezuela should be denied the chance of having the whole question between her and Great Britain decided by arbitration."

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ENGLAND'S SWIFT JUSTICE

Alfred Chipperfield Hanged at Newgate for the Murder of His Wife in London on December 18.

By Julian Ralph.

London, Feb. 25.—Alfred Chipperfield, perpetrator of the sensational murder in a cab at Islington on December 18, was hanged to-day at Newgate.

As I wrote, he was a well connected clerk in the city. He stole \$75, and eloped to Ireland with a barmaid. He married her and repeated the theft after the wedding. He came back to London to seek his father's forgiveness. He took a cab, and stopped at every saloon on the way, until a woman's screams attracted a crowd, who found Chipperfield and his wife in the cab with their throats cut. The man was only slightly wounded, but the poor woman died in a few minutes.

A great effort was made to influence the jury by medical testimony to the effect that the woman had committed suicide, but Chipperfield was found guilty of murder and on February was sentenced to death. Since that day multitudes of passers by in the principal street of that busy part of London where Chipperfield lived have been solicited to sign a petition for pardon. An enormous scroll of signatures was sent to the Home Secretary, but had no effect.

Chipperfield died better than he had lived. The governor of the prison asked him if he desired to make a statement. He replied: "No, sir. I am perfectly willing and ready to die," and then he walked with a firm step to the scaffold.

He left a pathetic letter addressed to his parents.

ONE OF RUSSIA'S RUSES.

The Report That England Thought of Evacuating Egypt Was Merely a Muscovite Diplomatic Trick.

By Julian Ralph.

London, Feb. 25.—I am not alone in asserting, as I did yesterday, that the rumor of Egyptian evacuation was a mere attempt on the part of Russia to counteract any friendly feeling which may have lately sprang up between France and England.

The Pall Mall Gazette, in which the rumor first appeared, in the shape of a Rome dispatch, now by the hand of its Paris correspondent, belies its own news, and hints that the view I took yesterday of the situation is the only correct one.

RESIST ENGLISH RAPACITY.

The Boersen Zeitung insists That the Powers Support Portugal in Defending Her Rights in Delagoa Bay.

By Henry W. Fischer.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—The Boersen Zeitung insists in an article to-day that the powers should aid Portugal in defending Delagoa Bay against "England, whose rapacity likewise threatens America."

ASSURANCE FOR INSURANCE.

Prussian Government Will Reverse Its Decision Against United States Companies.

By Henry W. Fischer.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—The Tagblatt says to-day: "It is reported that the Prussian Government will reverse its decision against American insurance companies. Afterward it is hoped the Americans will follow the example regarding ourselves."

The Louisiana Delegates.

(The Capital.)

It would not be strange if Mr. Hanna and Mr. Kellogg were to begin to ask themselves pretty soon when these hanged Louisiana delegates are going to begin to stay tonight.

"BILL" NYE LAID AWAY.

Neighbors and Friends Pay Their Last Tribute of Respect to the Dead Humorist.

Fletcher, N. C., Feb. 25.—Nearly three hundred people crowded Calvary Episcopal Church to-day to pay their last tribute of respect to Edgar W. Nye. The altar and chancel were draped with evergreens, the work of neighbors.

The services were conducted by Rev. H. H. Phelps, assisted by Rev. Thomas Wetmore. The pall bearers were Dr. W. D. Hilliard, E. P. McKissick, Oliver Rutledge, Dr. G. W. Fletcher, R. B. Blake and W. K. Breeze. The casket was banked with flowers and the sides of the grave were lined with evergreens. The grave is beneath a large white pine and beside that of Mr. Nye's child.

Mr. Mitchell, the brother-in-law of Mrs. Nye, arrived last night from Chicago. Mrs. Nye was not able to attend the funeral.

AMONG THE GOLFERS.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association will be held March 3 at the residence of Mr. Havemeyer, president of the organization.

The Shinnecock Hills golf course, which has been selected this year for the amateur and open championships, was opened for the season last Saturday in a sociable club match. The course was found to be in such a desirable condition that it was decided to play a match for a cup on Saturday of this week.

The return match, or rather the second half of the home and home match, between Willie Norwood and Thomas Gouley will be played at this city-fives. They will enter a junior double in the Harlem regatta. The following new colors have been adopted: Maroon riding shirt, black trunk, tennis cap and the other twelve being halved.

The outlook for golf this year is much more promising than it has ever been before in this country. There will be a dozen or more new courses opened, and there will be more courses of every description on the various courses throughout the entire season.

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